

Below represents a synopsis of emails that the FPPC received on the topic below. The amount of comment letters is too voluminous to post each. The FPPC has not changed the language in the body of the email and posts the substance of the letter below for ease of use.

Subject(s):

Politician Purgatory*

Politicians as Lobbyist

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Body:

I am writing out of concern for potential conflicts of interest at the California Legislature. Too many lawmakers find an after life as lobbyists. There is a precarious line between public service and service in the interest of a future employer.

I am writing to ask you to address this problem by recommending a Politicians Purgatory of at least two years during which a former elected official cannot become an employee of a company or organization that pays people to influence the legislative process. The rules need to be tightened so that any income from an entity that pays lobbyists to represent their interests is illegal during the purgatory period.
